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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0060] with the following amended paragraph:

[0060] As is clear from the results in Table 1, battery A1 prepared by the silicon powder (active material a1) in which the mean diameter of the primary particles is 270 nm (0.27 μm) and battery A2 prepared by the silicon powder (active material a2) in which the mean diameter of the primary particles is 0.8 μm have longer cycle lives compare to battery B1 prepared by the silicon powder (active material b1) in which the mean diameter of the primary particles is ~~1~~⁵ 1.5 μm .